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1. The replacement drawings for Figures 3 and 4 were received on March 7, 2005.

These drawings are acceptable.

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